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SUBJECT: MORNING PRESS SUMMARY

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NY TIMES -- GWERTZMAN FROM WASHINGTON (P-1)

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE LEFT TONIGHT ON A LONG MISSION TO
SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE SOVIET UNION THAT ADMINISTRATION
OFFICIALS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE NO MORE THAN MODEST RESULTS
IN BOTH CRUCIAL AREAS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- TRIP IS LIKELY TO BE ONE OF VANCE'S MOST GRUELING AND
DIFFICULT.

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-- VANCE IS EXPECTED TO FLY TO SOUTH AFRICA TO SEEK HELP
IN PERSUADING SALISBURY LEADERS TO ATTEND ALL PARTIES
CONFERENCE.

-- ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE WOULD BE AFTER MOSCOW STOP.

-- IN ADDITION TO MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE OBSTACLES, VANCE IS BURDENED WITH A WEAKENING IN CARTER'S STATURE ABROAD AND DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION.

-- WHITE HOUSE AIDES HAVE COMPLAINED PRIVATELY THAT VANCE AND SHULMAN ARE OVERLY CONCERNED WITH SALT AND WILL NOT PRESS THE SOVIETS ENOUGH ABOUT THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE HORN AND ELSEWHERE.

-- WHITE HOUSE AIDES HAVE COMPLAINED THAT VANCE HAD SHULMAN CALL THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO ADVISE THAT THEY SEND ENTIRE WAKE FORST SPEECH TO MOSCOW THUS UNDERCUTTING PRESS REPORTING OF THE TOUGH PARTS; STATE DEPT OFFICIALS WERE ANNOYED THAT NSC DID NOT SHOW THEM ADVANCE TEXT OF SPEECH FOR SUGGESTIONS.

-- BOTH VANCE AND BRZEZINSKI ARE COMPLAINING PRIVATELY ABOUT THE OTHER'S STYLE.

-- VANCE PLANS TO MAKE "LAST-DITCH EFFORT" FOR ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA, BUT THE ODDS FOR SUCCESS SEEM SLIM.

-- VANCE'S AIDES SAY THAT THE GOAL OF THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE DOES NOT REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN. VORSTER WILL BE URGED TO USE HIS INFLUENCE ON SMITH.

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-- REMAINING ISSUES ON SALT ARE LIMITING RANGE AND PRODUCTION OF BACKFIRE, RESTRAINING MODERNIZATION OF CURRENT WEAPONS, BARRING DEPLOYMENT OF NEW SYSTEMS, LIMITATIONS ON CRUISE MISSILES, AND NUMERICAL LIMITS ON CERTAIN SYSTEMS. VANCE WOULD LIKE TO NARROW THE DIFFERENCES ON AT LEAST SOME OF THESE ISSUES SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT THE SSOD IN MAY OR EARLY JUNE.

-- VANCE'S AIDES WERE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE ABSENCE FROM WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING MOSCOW TALKS; CARTER IS EXPECTED TO MAKE SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS CONCERNING SALT DURING THIS PERIOD.

-- AN UNCERTAIN ATMOSPHERE AWAITS VANCE IN MOSCOW DUE TO PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON THE ERW AND THE SHEVCHENKO AFFAIR.

BALTIMORE SUN -- TREWHITT FROM WASHINGTON (P-1)

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE LEFT HERE LAST NIGHT IN PURSUIT OF TWO BASIC FOREIGN POLICY GOALS: STABILITY IN EAST AFRICA AND A NEW ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE EXPECTS SUCCESS AT NONE OF HIS STOPS, BUT HE DOES NOT EXPECT OUTRIGHT FAILURE EITHER.

-- SUPERPOWER RELATIONS ARE THE UNIFYING THEME IN BOTH AFRICA AND MOSCOW. THE TRIP MAY DETERMINE THE CLIMATE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS FOR MONTHS.

-- VANCE AND BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WILL TRY TO ARRANGE A MEETING WHERE ALL PARTIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL TRY TO COMPROMISE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

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-- IN LONDON THE CENTO MEETING WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF TURKEY'S DIFFERENCES WITH GREECE OVER CYPRUS.

-- REGARDING SALT, BOTH NATIONS CLAIM DEDICATION TO SALT WHILE THREATENING TO DEVELOP NEW WEAPONS AS NECESSARY. EACH HAS IMPLIED BAD FAITH ON THE PART OF THE OTHER.

-- VANCE'S RECEPTION IN MOSCOW IS UNCERTAIN. THE SOVIET ROLE IN AFRICA HAS BEEN AN IRRITANT AS HAVE BEEN THE SHEVCHENKO AFFAIR AND CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT HIS ULTIMATE DECISION ON THE ERW WILL BE GUIDED BY RESTRAINT OR THE LACK OF IT IN SOVIET MILITARY PROGRAMS.

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AP -- NO TRIP ARTICLE IN MORNING TAKE.

UPI -- JIM ANDERSON FROM WASHINGTON

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY, AS HE LEFT ON A "LONG AND DIFFICULT TRIP" TO AFRICA AND THE SOVIET UNION, HE HAD ADDED A STOP IN SOUTH AFRICA TO HIS TWO-CONTINENT SWING."

OTHER POINTS:

-- PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, VANCE SAID THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE AFRICA TRIP WOULD BE TO BRING ALL PARTIES TOGETHER TO WORK OUT A SETTLEMENT BRINGING FREE ELECTIONS AND A LASTING SOLUTION TO RHODESIA. HE ADDED THAT THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT.

-- AT THE AIRPORT, VANCE DID NOT TOUCH ON THE POSSIBLE
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COMPLICATIONS IN THE SALT TALKS CAUSED BY THE SHEVCHENKO AFFAIR.

-- EARLIER IN THE DAY, VANCE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE VIRULENCE OF THE SOVIET STATEMENT CLAIMING THAT THE US HAD COERCED SHEVCHENKO INTO STAYING.

REUTERS -- NO BYLINE FROM WASHINGTON

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE LEFT HERE TONIGHT ON A MARATHON DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND INFORMED SOURCES SAID HE WOULD ADD A STOP IN SOUTH AFRICA."

OTHER POINTS:

-- THE TRIP LASTING TWO WEEKS COULD BE VANCE'S MOST ARDUOUS.

-- SOURCES SAID VANCE WOULD STOP IN SOUTH AFRICA.

-- THE RHODESIA VISIT WOULD BE THE FIRST BY AN AMERICAN SECSTATE.

-- VANCE IS EXPECTED TO MEET GROMYKO IN MOSCOW FOR TALKS ON A NEW SALT TREATY.

-- IN LONDON VANCE WILL ATTEND THE ANNUAL CENTO CONFERENCE.

MORNING NETWORK NEWSCASTS

ABC -- GOOD MORNING AMERICA, BARRIE DUNSMORE

DUNSMORE: THE VANCE TRIP HAS MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE SOVIET-US RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY WILL FIRST BE GOING TO TANZANIA TO MEET WITH THE HEADS OF THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS CURRENTLY FIGHTING THE WHITES IN RHODESIA. THEN HE
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WILL GO TO RHODESIA ITSELF TO CONFER WITH IAN SMITH AND THE BLACK LEADERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY JOINED SMITH IN AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. THE PURPOSE OF BOTH STOPS IS TO ARRANGE AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING ON RHODESIA IN THE HOPES OF AVERTING A MAJOR CIVIL WAR. NONE OF THE PARTIES SEEM (SIC) THAT ANXIOUS FOR SUCH A MEETING, BUT THE US IS MAKING THE EFFORT NOT ONLY TO HEAD OFF A CIVIL WAR, BUT TO DEPRIVE THE

SOVIETS AND THEIR CUBAN SURROGATES FROM ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLOIT ANOTHER AFRICAN CONFLICT.

FROM AFRICA VANCE WILL TRAVEL TO MOSCOW WHERE THE MAIN SUBJECT WILL BE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION. VANCE HOPES TO RESOLVE SOME OF THE REMAINING ISSUES AND PERHAPS SET UP A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN MESSRS. BREZHNEV AND CARTER WHEN A SALT AGREEMENT COULD BE CONCLUDED LATER THIS YEAR. WHAT HAPPENS IN AFRICA IS NOT DIRECTLY LINKED TO ARMS LIMITATION, BUT IT COULD HAVE A BEARING ON IT. SO NOW COULD THE DECISION OF A SOVIET DIPLOMAT, ARKADY SHEVCHENKO, NOT TO RETURN TO RUSSIA. THE US CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD NO ROLE IN HIS DECISION, BUT HE IS A VERY BIG FISH -- HE'S AN EXPERT-MENT ON DISARMAMENT, AND THE RUSSIANS ARE VERY SUSPICIOUS.

US-SOVIET RELATIONS WERE DESCRIBED RECENTLY BY THE RUSSIANS AS BEING AT A CROSSROADS. THE VANCE TRIP MAY WELL SET THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THOSE RELATIONS FOR BETTER OR WORSE.

CBS -- KALB FOR CBS RADIO WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

KALB: SOUTHERN AFRICA OR MORE EXACTLY TANZANIA AND THE FIRST VISIT EVER BY A HIGH LEVEL US OFFICIAL TO RHODESIA. THEN LONDON, THEN MOSCOW, AND A POSSIBLE LAST STOP IN EITHER GENEVA OR MALTA. IN SHORT, IF THAT'S THE RIGHT PHRASE, A COMPLICATED, DIFFICULT DIPLOMATIC JOURNEY THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD AFFECT THE FUTURE OF US-SOVIET DETENTE.

IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, VANCE WILL BE TRYING TO ARRANGE A CONFERENCE OF NATIONALIST LEADERS -- THE OBJECT TO TRY TO HEAD OFF A CIVIL WAR. AND VERY MUCH IN THE FOREGROUND THE FEAR THAT THE ALTERNATIVE TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION COULD MEAN EXTENSIVE SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN THAT CONFLICT.

IN LONDON TALKS WITH THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION; IN MOSCOW MORE NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW SALT AGREEMENT TO CONTROL NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THEN GENEVA OR MALTA IF THE OPPOSING RHODESIAN LEADERS AGREE TO AN ALL-PARTY PEACE CONFERENCE.

THE VANCE MISSION IS TAKING PLACE AT A TIME WHEN FOREIGN OBSERVERS ARE VOICING CRITICISM OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY CHARGING THAT IT LACKS COHERENCE, IS WEAK AND INEFFECTIVE.

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